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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: J. Scott Buchanan et al.
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For: INTEGRATED PROCESS FOR PREPARING DIALKYL
CARBONATES WITH A CIRCULATING CATALYST
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for extension of time for a total period of one month, expiring on March 5, 2003, is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-54 without prejudice. Claims 14-54 are cancelled for being directed to non-elected inventions.